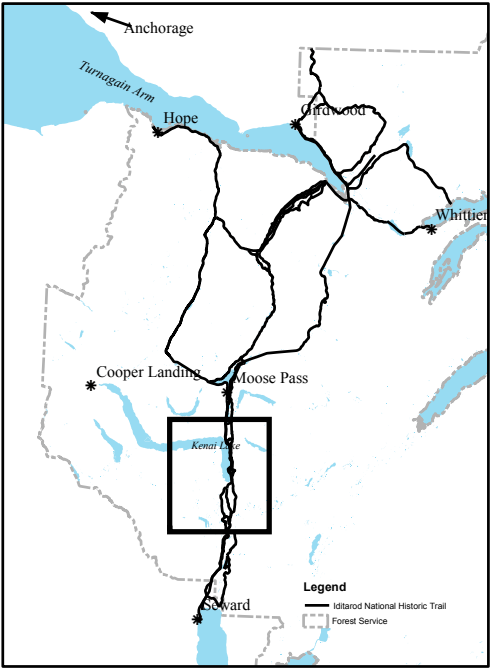


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Kenai Lake Area



Kenai Lake Area (KL)								
(Note: Segment RR1 & TL1 are displayed on the area map and in table for reference, but are not included in summary text below)								
Segment	Miles	1986 INHT Comprehensive Plan	AK DOT & AK RR*	Forest Service Proposed Action	Trail Class	Primary** Managed Use (summer)	Primary** Managed Use (winter)	Prohibited Trail Use
RR1	32.2	Primary Route	Rail Route	-	-	-	-	-
KL1	4.6	-	-	Main Route	3	hike	ski	summer motor
KL2	1.8	-	-	Main Route	3	hike	ski	summer motor
KL3	1.2	Connecting Trail	Bike Path	-	5	-	-	-
KL4	0.6	-	-	Access Route	3	hike	ski	motorized
KL5	5.7	-	-	Main Route	3	hike	none	motorized
KL6	0.3	-	-	Access Route	3	bike, hike	none	summer motor
KL7	0.8	-	-	Access Route	3	bike, hike	none	summer motor
TL1	2.2	Prop. Side Trail	-	Main Route	3	bike, hike	snowmo, ski	summer motor
H2	13.9	Connecting Trail	Bike Path	-	5	-	-	-
H3	7.5	Connecting Trail	Bike Path	-	5	-	-	-

* Indicates existing, planned or proposed AK Department of Transportation or AK Railroad INHT segments.

** Indicates actively managed trail use. Other trail uses allowed unless prohibited.

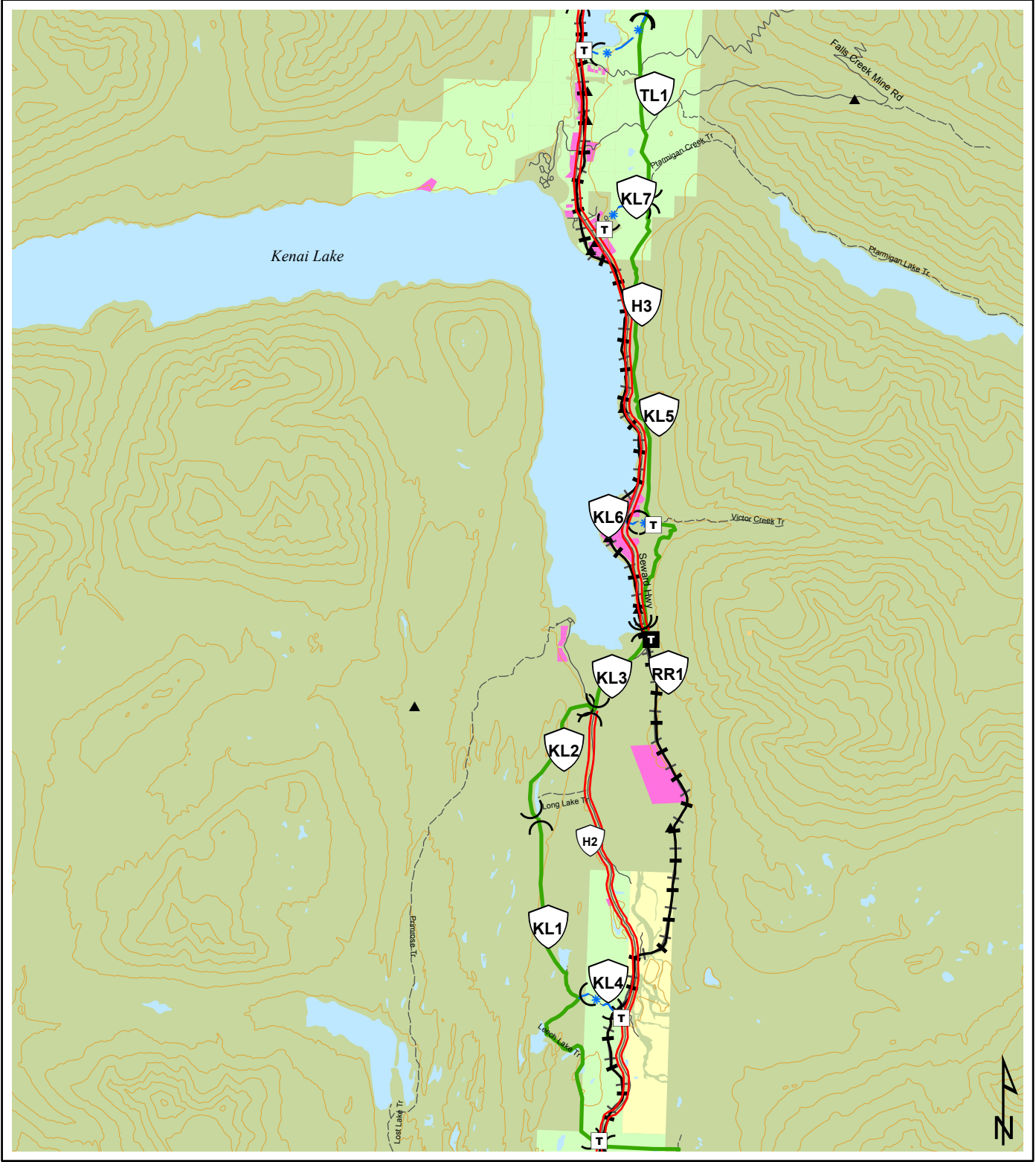
Kenai Lake Area Summary: Trail segments for the Forest Service Proposed Action in the Kenai Lake Area begin at the Goldenfin Trailhead, a State-managed facility used primarily for cross-country skiing. This section climbs up to approximately 1,000' elevation and follows the existing Grayling Lakes Trail that traverses semi-open sub-alpine forests of hemlock/spruce and provides angler access to excellent lake fishing in several small lakes (KL1). This proposal would upgrade this existing trail, and provide a new connection from Long Lake to Primrose Road (KL2). The trail would then cross the Snow River as a paved bike path (KL3) within the Seward Highway right-of-way. This short section of trail would be built as part of the MP18-25.5 Highway reconstruction project, and is not included as a Forest service Proposed Action. A new summer-only hiking trail would leave the highway right-of-way on the east side of the bridge. It would parallel the highway about 200' above it, and cross two deeply-incised creeks through rock-walled gorges with single-span bridges (KL5). The KL trail segments end at Ptarmigan Creek.

Forest Service Proposed Action would provide approximately 13.8 miles of summer trail, and 6.4 miles of cross-country ski trail. There would be approximately 6.4 miles of trail reconstruction and 7.4 miles of new trail construction. Most of the trail north of the Snow River Bridge would be unsuited to winter travel due to avalanche or vehicular hazards. Most of the trail locations through the Kenai Lake area would cross National Forest Lands, or are within DOT right-of-way. Goldenfin Lake trail begins on State Lands.

Bike Path: Two trail segments along the Seward Highway are displayed on the map (H2 & H3). Both are bike paths that are planned as part of DOT's Highway reconstruction projects. Together these segments would account for approximately 21 miles of paved bike path.

Trailheads: Access to the trail through the Kenai Lake Area would be provided at five trailheads, four existing and one new. Trailheads include Goldenfin Lake (MP11.4) of the Seward Highway, Grayling Lakes (MP13.3), the proposed Snow River (MP18) and reconstructed Victor Creek (MP19.5), both of which are planned as part of DOT's MP18-25.5 reconstruction project, and Ptarmigan Lake (MP23) of the Seward Highway. The Forest Service Proposed Action would install interpretive and informational signs at all sites. Construction of vault toilets at Victor Creek and Snow River would be done in cooperation with DOT's highway reconstruction project and are not part of this proposed action. Existing access trails from Grayling Lakes (KL4), Victor Creek (KL6) and Ptarmigan Lake (KL7) would connect the trailheads to the main trail. The Goldenfin Lake and Snow River sites are adjacent to the Main Trail, so no access trails are needed.

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